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Applicant

: Tania Barthel et al.

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Title

: Method and Apparatus for Initiating a

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RESPONSE

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated April 11, 2003 kindly reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

Remarks:

Claims 1-12 remain in the application.

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office action, claims 1-6 and 11-12 have been rejected as being anticipated by Redd, Jr. et al.